Fourth Sunday of Advent

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MILLBURY
ST. BRIGID † OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT:

St. Brigid Parish
59 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
(508) 865-6624 • **Fax:** (508) 865-3101

Assumption Parish Phone: (508) 865-2657

St. Vincent de Paul: (774) 262-5506

www.assumptionmillbury.org
www.stbrigidparish.org

Check our websites for individual email addresses.

MASS TIMES

Assumption Church
12 Waters Street

Mon. & Thurs.: 9:00 AM
Tues. & Wed.: 7:00 AM
Sun.: 9:00 AM

St. Brigid Church
59 Main Street

Sat.: 4:00 PM
Sun.: 7:00 AM & 11:00 AM

PASTORAL & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Fr. Dan Mulcahy, *Pastor*

Deacon Ron Buron, K.H.S., *Permanent Deacon*
Facilities Manager

Sister Jeanne Richard, S.A.S.V.,
Pastoral Care Ministry

Claudette Belair, *Music Director*

Greg Bernard, *Faith Formation (Gr. K-12)*
Family Ministry

Kathy Buron, *Safe Environment Coordinator*

Donna Gazaille, *Administrative Assistant*

Ronald Marlborough, *Maintenance Director*

Carol Trainque, *RCIA Director*
Liturgical Coordinator

Members of the staff may be contacted by calling the Parish Offices at (508) 865-6624. The offices are open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM. If the offices are closed, feel free to leave a voicemail and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturdays 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
or anytime upon request.

Baptism

Baptism Gatherings, to prepare families for the sacrament of Baptism, are held 4 times a year. Baptisms are held each month.
For more information, or to make arrangements, please call the parish offices at (508) 865-6624.

Marriage

Please call the rectory at least one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the rectory when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought weekly to all shut-ins.

Assumption School
Millbury, MA
A legacy of learning...a history with heart

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Sat., December 17

4:00 PM **Antonio Irarragorri** (13th Anniversary)
By: The Family

Sun., December 18

7:00 AM **Tracey Mellen**
By: Her Parents

9:00 AM **Walter Paille**
By: His Wife, Lovita

11:00 AM **Mary Mrozinski**
By: Her Husband, Victor

Mon., December 19

9:00 AM **Francis Beaudoin**
(Birthday Remembrance)
By: His Wife, Yvonne and Family

Tues., December 20

7:00 AM **George Alek**
By: Janice Despres
The People of the Catholic Parishes of Millbury

Wed., December 21

7:00 AM **Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.**
By: Eileen Ethier

Thurs., December 22

9:00 AM **Stella Army**
By: Madelaine Willette

Sat., December 24

4:00 PM **Rochelle Laporte**
By: The Laporte and Balise Families

6:00 PM **Ellen Norton**
By: Bob and Gail Faron

Midnight **Roger Bourdeau**
(25th Anniversary)
By: Aline Bourdeau

Sun., December 25

10:00 AM **Steven Duso**
(57th Birthday Remembrance)
By: Mom and Dad

(Our apologies for any errors or misspelled names.)

Saturday, December 24, 4:00 PM at St. Brigid

L: J. Palmisano *AS: J. Prue, H. Prue, A. Seaman*
EM: K. Anderson, P. Michalak, P. & J. Prince

Saturday, December 24, 6:00 PM at Assumption

L: L. Flagg *AS: D. & C. Piselli*
EM: J. & M. Piselli

Saturday, December 24, Midnight at Assumption

L: R. Bazin *AS: Open*
EM: A. Bourdeau, M. Horner

Sunday, December 25, 10:00 AM at St. Brigid

L: R. Spain *AS: D. & T. Hanson, M. Le*
EM: M. Piscitelli, K. Buron

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Scripture for the week of December 25, 2016

25	SUN	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25, Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14, Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20, Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
26	Mon	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
27	Tue	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
28	Wed	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
29	Thu	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
30	Fri	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
31	Sat	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK:

Our Lady of the Assumption Candle

In loving memory of
Neal Thomas
Requested by his wife, Susan

St Brigid Candles

In loving memory of
Jane Metivier
On the 15th Anniversary of her birth into new life
Requested by her family

In loving memory of
Patty Lyn Campomizzi
Requested by Eleanor Mancani

In loving memory of
Marie Therese Gauthier
Requested by her sisters, Lucie, Jacqueline, Rachel, and Cecile Murphy and Grand nephew Paul Michael

Remember in Prayer this Week:

Those who serve in our Military:

Patrick Hafferty Nicole Leonard
Brandon Perkins Marc Winchester

Reminder: Forms are available at each parish to add names to the Prayer List or call the rectory at 508-865-6624 with your request. Names will be removed on a monthly basis.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER
Prayer Line 508-865-5373

If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, call the confidential prayer line listed above.

Rest in Peace

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the soul of **Donald J. Pokraka** who has gone home to God. May he rest in Christ's eternal light and peace.

REMEMBRANCE SECTION
Would you like to remember a loved one in our Remembrance section? The cost of enrollment will be a $50 donation for the year. Please contact Donna at (508) 865-6624 to enroll your loved one.

In Remembrance:

John & Julia Anger
Lee Aubin
Jeanne Augustine
Larry F. Army
Arthur G. Boucher
Natalie Bourdeau
Patricia Bourdeau
Sylvio E. Bourdeau
Frank Cammuso, Jr.
Gladys Carroll
Philip Chabot, Sr.
Donna "Gain" Cournoyer
Roland O. Couture
Gerald & Peggy Croteau
George A. D'Auteuil, Jr.
George A. D'Auteuil, Sr.
Raymond DeRouin
Armand Desorcy
Joseph Dunn
Timothy P. Eckland
Lois M. Fisher
William Gain, Jr.
Bernice Gaudere
Raymond Godbout
Ruth Gonsorcik
Daniel Guadagnoli
Derek Hamilton
Matthew Hartline
Paul J. Jandron
Joanne Juskavitch
Claire Kobel
Richard Kroll
Lillian Langevin
Tan Le
Edward L. Lemoine
Kevin Lemoine
Rita Lemoine
June Ann Leonard
Lorraine Letendre
Mark Lizotte
William and Irene Louis
Ralph & Helen Ludvigson
Marilyn McLeod
Leo & Jane Metivier
Kenneth Michalak
Mary B. Mrozinski
Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.
Joseph Noonan
Albert Nikosey
John P. O'Malley
Janet Parsekian
Anne Rita Pierce
Elaine Roy
Darlene Russell
Dorothy Russell
Marshall Russell
Michael W. Russell
William Russell
Pauline Smith
C. Richard Stockhaus
Frederick Stockwell
Sandra Lee Stockwell
Margaret E. Stockwell
Joseph F. Stockwell
Neal R. Thomas
Edward Tokus
Robert E. Vaillancourt
Lucille Vecchione
Margaret Wendt
Ronald Woodward
Frank J. Yaz

SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 18TH

French Toast Breakfast @ SBH - 8:00 AM
French Toast & Pancakes with Santa @ OLAH- 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Liturgy of the Word for Children @ OLAC/OLAH - 9:00 AM
French Toast Breakfast @ SBH - 12:00 Noon
Boy Scouts Religious Emblems @ SBC - 2:00 - 3:30 PM
SLA @ SBH - 7:30 PM

MONDAY ~ DECEMBER 19TH

AA @ SBH - 7:00 PM
GA @ OLAH - 7:30 PM

TUESDAY ~ DECEMBER 20TH

CaFÉ @ SBH - 11:00 AM
Holy Hour @ OLAC - 5:50 PM - 6:50 PM
Choir @ SBC - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY ~ DECEMBER 21ST

K of C Rosary @ SBH - 7:00 PM
K of C Social @ SBH - 7:30 PM

THURSDAY ~ DECEMBER 22ND

Scouts @ SBH - 6:00 PM

SATURDAY ~ DECEMBER 24TH

Lessons & Carols @ SBC - 3:30 PM
Mass @ SBC - 4:00 PM
Lessons & Carols @ OLAC - 5:30 PM
Mass @ OLAC - 6:00 PM
Lessons & Carols @ OLAC - 11:30 PM
Mass @ OLAC - Midnight

SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 25TH

Mass @ SBC - 10:00 AM

KEY TO LOCATIONS

SBC=St. Brigid Church
SBH=St. Brigid Hall
CPO=Catholic Parish Offices
OLAC=Assumption Church
OLAH=Assumption Hall
OLAS= Assumption School

All are warmly welcomed, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th ~ Christmas Eve Masses

St Brigid:
3:30 PM Lessons & Carols
4:00 PM Mass

Our Lady of the Assumption:
5:30 PM Lessons & Carols
6:00 PM Mass

Our Lady of the Assumption:

11:30 PM Lessons & Carols
Our Lady of the Assumption:
Midnight Mass

December 25th ~ Christmas Day Masses

St. Brigid:
10:00 AM Mass

December 31st ~ Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

St. Brigid:
4:00 PM Mass

January 1st ~ The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

St. Brigid:
7:00 AM Mass

Our Lady of the Assumption:
9:00 AM Mass

St. Brigid:
11:00 AM Mass

STEWARDSHIP

St. Brigid Parish
Income
Weekend of December 3/4, 2016

Regular Weekly Collection	$6,820.50
Electronic Giving (11/28 - 12/4, 2016)	$755.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$7,575.50**
Other Parish Income:	
Mass Stipends	$30.00
Candles	$20.00
Utilities *(includes online when applicable)*	$390.00
In Remembrance *(Bulletin)*	$50.00
Christmas Flowers	$1,200.00
Grand Annual	$270.00
Christmas	$90.00
Immaculate Conception	$30.00
Total Other Income	**$2,080.00**
Total Income for Operating Expenses	**$9,655.50**
Other Non-Parish Income:	
Debt	$1,331.00
Debt *(Electronic Giving)*	$30.00
Specialty Ministries	$51.00
SVDP	$295.00

St. Brigid Cash Flow
December 1, 2016 - December 7, 2016

Payroll *(Week end 12/3)*	$2,420.29
Payroll Taxes *(Includes Employee's Share)*	$1,003.95
PayChex, Inc. *(Payroll Processing Fee)*	$41.06
RC Bishop of Worcester *(403 B Plan)*	$157.48
Chain of Lights *(Money for Cash Box)*	$300.00
Reimbursement *(Adult Faith Formation—Seder)*	$164.90
Fr. Dan Mulcahy *(Nov. Mass and Funeral Stipends)*	$340.00
Great America Financial *(Copy Machine Lease)*	$319.00
Health Care Reimbursement and Funeral Stipend	$365.00
Specialty Ministries *(Handmaids, of Mary, Rosary, TV)*	$150.00
Jerry's Lawn Service	$179.50
National Grid *(Church)*	$548.76
Office of Marriage and Family *(Focus Processing)*	$82.50
Music Substitute	$100.00
Ray's True Value *(Batteries, Mop Refill, Floor Cleaner)*	$50.16
Republic Business *(Ordo)*	$16.95
WB Mason *(Money Bands, Spray Wax)*	$53.92
Total Monies Paid	**$6,293.47**

Thank you for your flower donations in honor/ memory of your loved ones. Their names will be inscribed in a book which will become a part of our Christmas decorations in each of the churches. Know that your loved ones will be remembered at all of our Christmas Masses.

OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Dec. 17/18 …
Specialty Ministries

Dec. 24/25 …
Thank You to Staff

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish
Income
Weekend of December 3/4, 2016

Regular Weekly Collection	$2,213.00
Electronic Giving (11/28 - 12/4, 2016)	$75.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$2,288.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Mass Stipends	$30.00
Donation *(Confessional)*	$910.00
Utilities *(includes online when applicable)*	$164.00
Immaculate Conception	$61.00
Christmas Flowers	$651.00
Grand Annual	$30.00
Christmas	$120.00
Total Other Income	**$1,966.00**
Total Income for Operating Expenses	**$4,254.00**
Other Non-Parish Income:	
Debt	$712.00
Debt *(Electronic Giving)*	$50.00
Specialty Ministries	$101.00

Assumption Cash Flow
December 1, 2016 - December 7, 2016

Fr. Dan Mulcahy *(Nov. Stipends & Household Exp.)*	$460.00
Jerry's Lawn Service	$257.58
National Grid *(Church)*	$313.41
Republic Business *(Ordo)*	$16.95
Verizon *(Phone & Internet)*	$170.26
Total Monies Paid	**$1,218.20**

Your Christmas Offering

At all of our Christmas Masses, the first collection, (the envelope marked December 25th), will be for our regular stewardship.

A second collection will be taken during all of the Christmas Masses. The Christmas envelope will allow Fr. Dan to say a special thank you to our staff members on behalf of the people of our parishes..

YOUTH & FAMILY FORMATION

YOUTH MINISTRY

FOLLOW US ON:
www.facebook.com/sbcyc
or
@ MillburyCYC

YOUTH CENTER THIS WEEK

Youth in grades 7-12 welcome!

Sunday, December 18th
CLOSED

Thursday, December 22nd
6:30-8:30PM
NATIVITY PRAYER

Sunday, December 25th
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Friday evening, December 9th, the following ten young adults from our parishes were renewed in the Holy Spirit by the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in prayer as they continue their journey of faith.

Jillian Carew
Ashley Crossman
Matthew Divris
Ryan Gagliardi
Zachary Graves
Nicholas Lazzaro
Brennan McCarthy
Alexis Moscoffian
Thomas Sasso
Gianna Vincequere

Faith Formation Upcoming Sessions

FAITH FORMATION FOR GRADES 2-9 CANCELLED FOR DECEMBER 18TH!

To help alleviate the "busyness" of the season on everyone, especially our hard working and dedicated catechists and volunteers, ***all Faith Formation sessions scheduled for December 18th have been cancelled.*** *We ask in return that your family use this newly found "free time" to do something together as a family this week.*

Grade 2	January 8 & 22 10:00 -11:30AM First Eucharist Parent Meeting January 7 9:00AM Assumption Hall
Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6	January 15 & 29 10:00 -11:30AM
Grades 7, 8 & 9	January 15 & 29 6:00 - 7:30PM

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Diocese of Worcester
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Phone: 774-262-5506

MONTHLY MEETINGS

3rd Sunday - 10:00 AM
The Offices of the
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
New Members Welcome!

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend
Food Bins are located in the Main Entrance of the Church

All food donations must be dropped off on food drive dates and placed in the large blue bins only, no exceptions. NO Perishables, NO Cleanouts

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend - 12:15 PM
St. Brigid Church Hall

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST

The pantry is in desperate need of the following:

Jelly...Cereal...Oatmeal...Canned Chicken...Tuna...Rice and Rice Products...Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Pancake Mix...Syrup

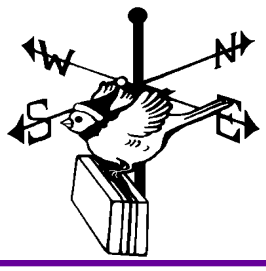
Please No Perishable, Expired Dates, or Pet Food.

THANK YOU ...

1. A special thank you to Cub Scout Pack 108, of St. Brigid Parish, who ran a personal care products drive to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul pantry
2. Thank you to Cub Master, Scott Despres who recognizes the needs of those that are served by our organization

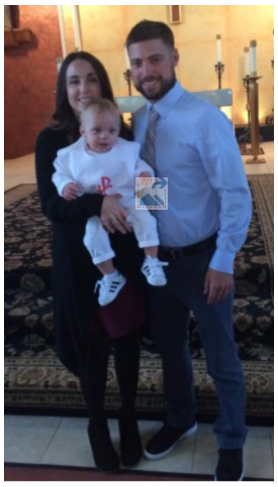
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT SHOP

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
507 Park Ave., Worcester (508)752-4232



Snow Policy...
No School/No Mass

For the safety of our parishioners, when school is **canceled or delayed** in the town of Millbury, daily Mass is also canceled.



WELCOME NEW CHRISTIAN

We welcome to God's world and to our parish family **Raymond Dennis Richards III** who was recently baptized here at St. Brigid. We pray God's blessings upon you and your family as you walk on your journey back to him.

HO HO HO ... WHAT DO YOU KNOW! Santa heard that we are having French Toast and Pancakes on Sunday Morning, December 18th. He will be here at Assumption Hall from 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM. Pictures will be taken so that Santa will be sure to remember you! All ages welcome.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." Let us learn to accept each other and Christ in our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jan 20-22, 2017 in Duxbury, MA and Mar 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.

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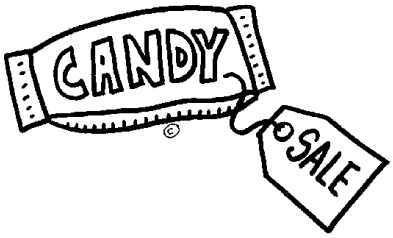
Assumption School Calendar Raffle

Assumption School is now selling calendar raffle tickets. The raffle will be held during the month of February. The cost is $10.00 per ticket and there are 28 chances to win. That's right...even if your name is pulled, your ticket goes back in for a chance to win everyday! If interested, please contact the school office at 508-865-5404 or stop in between the hours of 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Thank you!



Assumption School Class of 2017 Candy Sale

Want to spread the holiday cheer?
Buy a chocolate pop this year.

Before and After the 9:00 AM Mass at Assumption Parish
On December 18th

Peppermint Bark: $3.00
Chocolate Pops: $1.00
Chocolate Dipped Pretzel Rods: 4 for $2.00

Please Support Our Class Trip!
Thank You

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call
Judith Audette
Office for Healing and Prevention,
(508) 929-4363.
A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

APOSTOLATE OF DIVINE MERCY AND HEALING

Father Ralph A. DiOrio will be conducting a session of simple Inspirational Messages on Love and Healing, Evangelization and the Holy Sacrifice of Mass on Sunday, December 18th, at 12:00 Noon. It will take place at Maironis Park Banquet Hall at 52 South Quinsigamond Ave in Shrewsbury, MA.
A $10.00 offering for tickets to help cover expenses would be appreciated. Please call (508) 832-7890 for more information and visit our website:
www.rdohealingministry.org

How about making a Cursillo weekend?

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. Cursillo was brought from Spain to the United States in 1962. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. What the presenters add to the talks is the witness of their own lives, their struggles and triumphs in Christ. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals and so much more. Our 2017 dates are: Men's February 9-12 & June 22-25; Women's May 18-21 & October 12-15. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Carolyn Galgano at 508-847-7005 or angels3cma@gmail.com OR Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com.

RCIA
Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you been a Catholic all of your life and never received all of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation)? Have you joined us from a different faith background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church? If either of the above questions applies to you, we would be happy to help you on your journey. If you would like more information, please feel free to call the parish offices at St. Brigid (508-865-6624), and we would be happy to answer any of your questions and inquiries.

PARISH AND LOCAL AREA NEWS

MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

"CRIBBAGE CLUB" - Join us every Monday at 1:00 PM for our new Cribbage Club! Have Lunch ahead of time at 12 noon to make it a fun filled day! *Noon lunch every Monday through Friday. Suggested donation $2.50. Remember every Friday is special treat day. A 48 hour reservation is required.*

KARAOKE!!
Every Tuesday at 11AM
Join us at the Senior Center for some SING-A-LONG FUN with our **new** Karaoke Machine!

"PASTEL DREAMERS"
ADULT COLORING CLASSES
Every Thursday 10 - 11:30 AM
NO SUPPLIES NEEDED!
Come give it a try. It's a very relaxing activity.

BRIDGE CLUB
Fridays at 12:30 PM.
Please give us a call and let us know if you are interested, 508-865-9154.

RMV TRANSACTIONS
Every Wednesday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

We focus on Duplicates/Renewals for Licenses, Registrations, Mass ID, and Placard Cards along with Change of Address. Call us for an appointment! 508-865-9154

YOUR SMILE FOR TODAY ...

Children's Letters to God

Dear GOD,
In school they told us what You do. Who does it when You are on vacation? -Jane

Dear GOD,
Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident? -Norma

Dear GOD,
Thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy. -Joyce

MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE!

Plan now to attend the 44th annual March for Life in Washington, DC on **Friday, Jan. 27, 2017**! Buses will leave from St. Paul's Cathedral on Thurs., Jan. 26 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 P.M., and will travel to the Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Friday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March, arriving back at St. Paul's at approximately 1 A.M. on Saturday, Jan. 28. Cost is $70 per seat for registrations postmarked by Dec. 31, and $85 thereafter. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis until all seats are full. For more details and to download registration forms, visit worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org. Can't attend this year but want to help? Consider making a donation to help defray expenses for our students in need who want to attend. Thank you!

Visits to our SHUT-INS

ELDERLY AND/OR HOMEBOUND

Transportation available - 4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Brigid Church. This ministry is sponsored by both parishes utilizing a handi-capable van. For information call Deacon Ron (508) 865-6624.

SHUTTLE INFORMATION

Saturday, December 17	**Gene Corridori**
Saturday, December 24	**Jerry Willette**
Saturday, December 31	**Chris Brady**

If you know of a parishioner - who is homebound or shut-in, please contact Deacon Ron at (508) 865-6624 to set up a time to receive Communion